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"OUR FATHERS, WHERE ARE THEY?"

INSCRIPTIONS

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Tombs and Grave-Stones

IN THE

"OLD BURYING GROUND,"

NORTHAMPTON, MASS.

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...Inscriptions on the tombs and grave-stones

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in the "Old burying ground", Northampton, Mass...
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The object of the Publisher in the work he has undertaken is to preserve in a durable form some most interesting but rapidly perishing memorials of our Puritan ancestors. He has taken much pains to trace and to transcribe the inscriptions correctly.

Should the sale of the present number warrant it, the second number will be issued immediately. T. B.

From the first settlement of Northampton in 1653, to 1661, a period of 8 years, there were 10 deaths. The place of burial was Meeting House Hill. The Town voted that after Oct. of that year no more burials should be on that spot and the present yard was selected for that purpose. The first person buried therein was Henry Curtis, the only person who died that year—but no monument designates the place of his interment, nor that of others, for many years. Among this number was Rowland Stebbins, ancestor of all of the name now in America, who died Dec. 14, 1671, aged 77, to commemorate whose death a Granite *Cenotaph* has been erected, which will be noticed in the Sequel of Monumental descriptions.

Copy of a letter from Major Brian Pendleton to the "Honored Governor and Counsell for the Matacusets at Boston," occasioned by the attack of the Indians on Casco, Me.

"Honored Governor

together with the Counsell,

I am sorry my pen must be the messenger of soe greate a Tragedye. On the 11th of this instant wee heard of many killed of our naybors in falmouth or Casco-Bay : and on the 12th instant Mr. Joslin sent me a briefe letter written from under the hands of Mr. Burras* the minister. Hee gives an acct of 32 killed and carried away by the Indians : himselfe escaped to an Island, but I hope Black poynt men have fetched him of by this time. 10 men 6 women and 16 children. Anthony a[n]d Thomas B[r]a[c]ket and Mr. Munjoy his sonne onely are named. I had not time to coppinge the letter' persons beinge to goe post to Majot Walden; but I hope he hath before this sent the originall to you. How soon it will be our portion wee know not. The Lord in mercy fit us for death and direct the harts and hands to ackt and doe wt. is most needfull in such a time of distress as this. Thus in haste I commit you to Pvdounce of our Lord God and desire Your prayers also for us. Yours in all humility to sarve in

"Winter Harbor at night }
the 13 of August, 1676." }

the Lord,

BRIAN PENDLETON."

* Rev. George Burroughs.

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INSCRIPTIONS.

NO. 1.

1. In memory of **CALEB STRONG**,* late Governor of Massachusetts, who after a life eminent for piety and devotion to the public service, died Nov. 7, 1819, in the 75th year of his age.

2. **JULIA**, daughter of Phinehas and Mariah Rust, died Sep'r 13, 1813, 2 years and 6 months.

3. Mr. **GERSHOM RANDALL**, died Aug. 20, 1844, aged 97.

4. Mrs. **JUDITH RANDALL**, died Dec. 31, 1832, aged 82, wife of Mr. Gershom Randall.

5. To the Memory of Mr. **DAVID WILDER**, who died Jan. 16, 1815, aged 25 years.

6. An infant daughter of Mr. Zebina and Mrs. Lucy Smith, aged 6 days.

7. **EDWARD M.** and **EDWIN M.** children of Julius and Theodosia Edwards, born Oct. 16, 1823, died Edward M. Nov. 11, 1828, Edwin M. Nov. 2, 1828.

8. **EZRA**, son of Ezra and Experience Hunt, born Sept. 21, 1831, died Nov. 29, 1833.

Farewell dear child, go, join the blest above,
Where saints receive thee with a parent's love.

9. **THEODORE**, son of Mr. Julius and Mrs. Theodosia Edwards, died Sept. 21, 1814, aged 9 months and 5 days.

10. In Memory of Mrs. **ESTHER**, wife of Mr. Samuel C. Clark, who died March 23, 1831, in the 27 year of her age.

* Graduated at Harvard College in 1764.

11. HARRIET, daughter of Thomas and Harriet Edwards, died March 4, 1833, aged 7 months and 4 days.

"None are too pretty, none too young,
To go to God, from whom they sprung."

12. In Memory of Mr. HOLISTER BAKER, who died Nov. 12, 1811, in the 62 year of his age.

"Well the kind minute must appear,
When we shall leave these bodies here,
These clogs of clay and mount on high,
To join the songs above the sky."

13. In memory of Mr. NATHANIEL LUDDEN, who died Nov. 22, 1814, aged 28 years.

Friends and physicians could not save,
This mortal body from the grave.
When Christ commands, it must appear.

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14. HANNAH, daughter of Levi and Jane Elwell, born No. 1, 1818, died July 25, 1844.

"Weep not for me though I sleep in the grave,
I trusted in one that is mighty to save."

15. LEVI ELWELL, died June 3, 1844, aged 66.

16. MARIA, daughter of Melzar and Wealthy Burnell, died March 13, 1840, aged 16.

"My death aloud to you doth call,
Health doth not secure you life at all."

17. ADDERLINE, daughter of Eben and Delia Campbell, died Sep. 13, 1813, aged 2 years.

"The Lord and the Lord hath taken away,
Blessed be the name of the Lord."

18. SARAH, wife of John Wright, died May 20, 1842, aged 58.

19. In memory of Mr. SAMUEL WRIGHT, who died June 23, 1818, aged 66 years.

20. In memory of CHARLES WILLCUTT, son of Mr. Lot and Mrs. Rhoda Willcutt, who died Sep. 18, 1819, aged 16 years.

"Death enters and there is no defence."

21. In memory of MARY, daughter of Mr. Seth and Mrs. Pheobe Strong, who died Sep. 21, 1826.

22. FRANKLIN C. STRONG, a member of the Sen. Class Williams College, died June, 1841. Erected by his Classmates.

23. In memory of Mrs. SARAH STRONG, wife of Mr. Bela Strong, who died April 20, 1814, aged 48 years.

"My flesh shall slumber in the ground,
Till the last trumpet's joyful sound,
Then burst the chains with sweet surprise,
And in my Saviour's image rise."

24. In memory of Mr. BELA STRONG, who died Dec. 14, 1814, aged 55 years.

The memory of the just is blessed.

25. ISRAEL WRIGHT, died April 26, 1814, age 47. OLIVE, his wife, died Oct. 30, 1830, aged 53.

We mourn, but not for them released from pain,
Our loss we trust is their eternal gain.

26. ELIJAH COOK, died July 1, 1827, aged 57 years.

27. EMELINE COOK, daught. of Mr. Elijah and Mrs. Esther Cook, died Dec. 25, 1818, aged 8 years.

"My parents dear, weep not for me,
When in this yard my grave you see,
My time was short and blest was He
That called me to eternitie."

28. SYLVESTER CLARK, died Nov. 9, 1841, aged 55 years.

29. In memory of Capt. JOSEPH COOK, who died Feb. 14, 1814, in the 54th year of his age.

"Friends nor physicians could not save,
This mortal body from the grave."

30. CLARISSA A. CLARK, died Oct. 7, 1847, aged 23 years.

31. In memory of Mr. JOSEPH COOK, who died July 12, 1825, aged 34 years.

32. MIRANDA, daughter of Sylvester and Lydia Clark, died Feb. 13, 1828, aged 11 months.

33. In memory of HARRIET L. daughter of Sylvester and Lydia Clark, who died Jan. 22, 1819, aged 9 months.

34. In memory of HARRIET, daughter of Sylvester and Lydia Clark, who died April 6, 1818, aged 2 years.

35. CLARISSA, daughter of Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Esther Cook, who died July 6, 1787, aged 1 year, 8 months, and 22 days.

36. JOSHUA CURTIS, died Aug. 28, 1832, aged 52.

37. In memory of Mr. ANDREW LORD, who died Sep. 26, 1825, Aet. 64 years.

"There is a rest in heaven."

38. In memory of Mr. MOSES PARSONS, who died June 1, 1814, in the 83 year of his age.

"Though I pass through this gloomy vale,

"Where death and all its horrors are,

"My heart and hope shall never fail,

"For God my Shepherd's with me there."

39. ANN FRANCES, daughter of Rufus and Frances Sacket, died Aug. 14, 1834 aged 14 months.

40. JULIA ANN, daughter of Josiah P. and Electa Graves, died Oct. 27, 1830, aged 3 years.

"How short a race our child has run,

"Cut down in all her bloom,

"Her course but yesterday begun,

"Now perished in the Tomb."

41. JOSIAH, son of Josiah P. and Electa Graves, departed this life, April 4, 1826, aged 6 months 19 days.

"No pain, no griefe, no anxious Fear,

"No mortal woes can reach the peaceful Infant here,

"While angels watch its soft repose."

42. SILAS, son of Mr. Silas and Mrs. Orpha Perkins, died Oct. 10, 1822, aged 10 months.

43. HANNAH DRAYTON of Charleston, South Carolina, Ob. 12th April, 1833, Aet. 69.

44. *"A Polish Exile."*

A. A. TARNAVA MALCHEWSKI, vel, Jakubowski,
Obt. 24 Ap. 1837, aged 21.

Erected by his pupils.

45. CHARLOTTE S. wife of J. C. Taber of New
Bedford, Mass. died April 21, 1837, aged 28.

"Fare the well."

46. FLAVIA DEAN, died April 1, 1841, aged 44.

47. GEORGE H. son of Wm. and Harritt Slate, died
Feb. 25, 1837, aged 3 years 5 months.

48. NANCY M. Dau'r of A. and M. R. Hayden, died
March 25, 1842, aged 17 years.

"Behold how uncertain is life and how certain is death."

49. MARY R. wife of Alexander Hayden, died April 3,
1849, aged 49.

We loved her on earth, may we meet her in heaven where
we shall part no more.

50. RACHEL, wife of Charles J. Langdon, died Sep.
17, 1848, aged 42.

51. MARY C. wife of Charles O. Taft and daughter
of Salmon W. and Eliza Smith, died May 8, 1847, aged
21 years.

"Her soul has now taken its flight

"To mansions of Glory above,

"To mingle with angels of light,

"And dwell in the kingdom of Love."

52. SOLOMON STODDARD,* born Nov. 29, 1800,
died Nov. 11, 1847.

In him were united eminent Literary attainments, sound
and discriminating judgment, unaffected modesty and de-
voted Christian Character. After being connected with
various Literary institutions, he was for the last nine years
of his life Professor of Languages, in Middlebury College.

53. BENJA. "Our Dear little Baby."

* Graduated at Yale College in 1820.

54. EARL D. SWIFT, died Aug. 7, 1845, in the 29 year of his age. JULIA MARIA, April 11, 1843, \AA . 3 years 1 month and 17 days. SARAH ISADORE, died Dec. 14, 1845, aged 14 months and 4 days. Children of Earl D. and Olive A. Swift.

"How soon life's busy scenes are o'er,
 "How soon our powers decay,
 "Our cold remains in solitude
 "Here sleep their hours away."

55. MARIETTA B. wife of Charles W. Lavake, died Jan. 23, 1847, aged 27 years.

56.

BULL.

JAMES BULL, died Feb. 5, 1845, aged 64.

ELIZA M. BULL, died Dec. 3, 1844, \AA . 29.

57. THOMAS SHEPHERD, born May 27, 1778, died Dec. 23, 1846. CATHERINE, his Wife, born Dec. 23, 1782, died Nov. 24, 1846. ELIZABETH, wife of HENRY SHEPHERD, born Sep. 30, 1817, died Jan. 23, 1848.

58. OGDEN E. EDWARDS, born 11 Nov. 1802, died 25 April, 1848, CATHERINE, daughter of T. Shepherd, Esq. of Northampton and wife of Ogden E. Edwards of New York, born 1806, Aug. 22, died 1843, April 21, aged 36 years and 8 months.

"An Angel's arm can't snatch us from the grave,
 Legions of Angels can't confine us there."

MARY S. died 1834, May 3, age 1 year 10 months and 28 days. THOMAS S. died 1837, Dec. 10, aged 1 year 3 months 9 days. EUGENE, died 1842, Dec. 10, aged 1 year 2 months 12 days. POMEROY, an Infant, died 1843, March 11. Children of Ogden E. Edwards and Catherine S. Edwards of New York.

59.

"FENNER."

60. CHARLES P. KINGSLEY, died June 2, 1844, aged 45. CHARLES B. son of Cha's P. and Caroline Kingsley, died Aug. 7, 1832, aged 11 mon.

61. EDWARD B. son of L. H. and Nancy B. Graves, died Sept. 6, 1844.

62. MARIE LOUISE, daught. of George and H. A. Abbott, died Nov. 10, 1846, aged 7 months.

Sweet babe, thy parents' loss is thy gain.

63. SILENCE, wife of Dea. Asa Marble, died April 6, 1840, aged 50. Their daughter died April 22, 1837, aged 22 mon.

64. THOMAS M. WILLIAMS, died Aug. 11, 1842, aged 35.

"Prepare to meet your God."

65. In memory of Mrs. MEHETABEL, wife of James Edward Buckman, who died Sep. 1, 1825, aged 26 years, also their Infant Child, aged 3 weeks.

"Reader, behold as you pass by,

"As you are now so once was I,

"As I am now so you must be,

"Prepare for death and follow me."

66. Mr. TIMOTHY GRAVES, died Oct. 15, 1829, in the 40th year of his age.

67. Mrs. EXPERIENCE, wife of Justin Smith, died Jan. 16, 1832, aged 57 yrs.

"This mould'ring dust shall here repose in peace"

"Till that great day when time itself shall cease;"

"Her Spirit is with God and this its plea,"

"My Saviour died, my Saviour died for me."

68. HARMONY EATON, daug't of Jeduthan and Lydia Eaton of Marshfield, Con. died Sept. 29, 1829, aged 29 years.

69. In memory of Mr. LUCIUS ADAMS, who died at Northampton, 6 Nov. 1825, aged 29 years and 10 months.

"This dark abode proclaims the truth

"To bending age and blooming youth,

"They must their active powers resign

"To God and dust from whence they came."

70. In memory of ALMIRA GRANGER, wife of Ebenezer Granger, who died Oct. 5, 1825, aged 17.

“ From thy kindred early torn,
And to thy grave untimely borne,
Banished forever from my view,
Thou partner of my soul, adieu.

71. JOHN MOIES, died Sept. 24, 1827, aged 50.

72. Mrs. ANNA MOIES, wife of Mr. John Moies, died Aug. 1, 1823, aged 47 years.

73. In memory of Miss ELIZABETH R. MOIES, who died May 30, 1818, in the 22 year of her age, daughter of Mr. John und Mrs. Anna Moies.

Thus the bright damsel just reared her shining head,
From obscure shades of Life and sunk among the dead.

74. NOAH

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75. WILLIAM CLARK, died Dec. 31, 1842, Æ 78.

76. In memory of Mrs. JERUSHA CLARK, wife of Mr. William Clark, who died Feb. 17th, 1816, in the 52d year of her age.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labours and their works do follow them.

77. Mrs. MARY, wife of Mr. William Clark, died April 4, 1833, in the 70 year of her age.

78. In memory of Mr. LUCIUS CLARK, who died Oct. 4, 1819, in the 31st year of his age.

All flesh is as grass and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth and the flower thereof falleth away.

79. In memory of Miss MIRANDA, daughter of William and Jerusha Clark, who died Nov. 6, 1825, Æ 26 years. Earth's highest station ends in here I lie and dust to dust concludes her noblest song.

“ Rest thy hopes my friends on Christ the Lord,
Live while you live but to obey his word.”

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Also SARAH CLARK, of the same family, died in Sparta, N. J. Sep. 16, 1823, Æt. 33 years.

80. CAPT

JOHN

PERSONS Dyed

ON APRIL ye 19

ANNOD 1728

AGD 79 YEAR

81. Here lies the Body of Deacon Ebenezer Hunt, who died Feb'ry 21, 1788, in the 85th year of his age. "The moments seize, a moment you may wish when worlds want wealth to buy."

82. Sacred to the Memory of the Rev. DAVID BRAINERD, a faithful and laborious Missionary to the Stockbridge, Delaware, and Susquehannah tribes of Indians, who died in this town Oct. 10, 1747, Æ 32.

83. JERUSHA, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah Edwards, born April 26, 1730, died Feb. 14, 1747, (by mistake for 1748.)

I shall be satisfied when I awake in thy likeness.

84. This Monument Erected by Joseph Clarke to the Memory of the Hon. JOSEPH HAWLEY, Esq. who died March 10, 1788.

85. LIVINENAN

JOHN LIMAN

AGED 66 yER

Dyed Avgst

the 20th 1690

86. Mr. JAMES BRIDGMAN,* Ob. Jan. ye 14, 1655.

* Came from England and settled first in Dorchester, Mass., removed to Windsor, Conn. and afterward to Springfield and Northampton, where he died.

87. In memory of Mr. THOMAS BRIDGMAN, who died Oct. ye 30, 1742, * * *

88. In memory of THOMAS BRIDGMAN,* Esq. who died Oct. 14th, 1771, in ye 31st year of his age.

Time was like the I life possess'd
And time shall be when you shall rest.

89. [Masonic Emblems.]

Sacred to the memory of Mr. THOMAS BRIDGMAN, who died Aug. 5th, 1799, in the 32d year of his age.

"Farewell vain world I must be gone"

"I have no home or stay in the"

"I'll take my staff and travel on"

"Till I a better world can see"

90. In memory of Mrs. ELIZABETH BRIDGMAN, relict of Mr. Thomas Bridgman, who died May 25th, 1806, aged 36.

"Jesus can make a dying bed"

"Feel soft as downy pillars are"

"While on his breast I lean my head"

"And breath my life out sweetly there"

91.

HERE

LIES THE BODY
OF CAPT JOSEPH

HAWLEY Esq. who died
May 19, 1711.

92. JULIA, daughter of Rev. Solomon Williams, died March 10, 1849, aged 65 years. "And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white."

* A descendant of James, grad. at Harvard 1762; M. A. at Yale 1765, studied Law with Major Joseph Hawley.

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